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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to state that it is my belief that the proposed settlement will not achieve its objective of restoring competition back into the software market, nor I fear will it stem the illegal practices of Microsoft.

Although I have many concerns about the proposed settlement, it is sections III.D, III.J.1,2 that concern me the most. Microsoft has publicly stated that their strongest competition is from the Linux operating system, yet these sections would actually protect Microsoft from competition from such non-profit, volunteer organizations. It is my belief at this point that the only hope of real competition will be from these groups. For a settlement to be acceptable, Microsoft cannot be allowed to discriminate against such groups by not disclosing its APIs to them. I therefore kindly ask you to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

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